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## Elementary teachers prepare for work-to-rule job action

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Local elementary school teachers represented by the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario are planning to be in legal strike position as of Nov. 25, and begin phase one of work-to-rule job action on Nov. 26, as central contract talks between the union and the provincial government continue.

Key issues at the table according to ETFO president Sam Hammond are the need to address violence in schools, more supports for special education, class size and class structure, fair and transparent hiring practices, and preservation of the current full-day kindergarten program.

According to a Nov. 14 ETFO press release, the job action targets ministry and school board administrative tasks and does not impact on students.

"We are making this known well in advance to assure parents that this strike action will not affect students, their learning or their safety," said Hammond. "ETFO members will be withdrawing from ministry and school board

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### Strike a pose

Scott Michael Walling walks the runway in his creation *The Bombest of the Dot Commist*, which won the Fabulous Formations Award for non-traditional materials and second place for the Fan Favourite at Fashion Fallies on Friday, Nov. 15 in the great hall of Haliburton School of Art + Design. More on page 16./DARREN LUM Staff

## More than 11,000 residences to be without power

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Much of Haliburton County will be going dark from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24 when Hydro One follows through with a scheduled planned outage for upgrade work to modernize the grid and to replace aging infrastructure.

Close to 100 Hydro One power line workers will be installing four smart switches and replacing 24 end-of-life wood poles throughout Haliburton County.

"Smart switches help to reduce the frequency and duration of power outages, while limiting the amount of customers impacted," reads a press release from Hydro One. "Crews will also complete maintenance work at multiple distribution stations in the area."

Just more than 11,000 residential and seasonal customers will be affected in the geographic townships of Monmouth, Glamorgan, Dudley, Dysart et al, Snowdon, Stanhope, Minden, Guilford, Harburn and Havelock.

For residents unsure of the affected communities in the named regions, Tory

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## Greatest hits

Above, the Highlands Chamber Orchestra performs the Harry Potter Symphonic Suite by John Williams during the Highlands' Greatest Hits 2012 to 2019 concert on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. The orchestra, which included 45 members in the community ensemble, was led by conductor Dan Manley and included concert master Luba Cargill. /DARREN LUM Staff

Right, members of the Highlands Chamber Orchestra perform Cello Concerto, Op.85 - 1st movement by Edward Elgar.



Bethany Houghton performs with the Highlands Chamber Orchestra.



Dan Manley addresses the audience.

# ETFO members to scale back

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administrative activities, which will give them more time to focus on working with students."

In phase one of work-to-rule job action, ETFO members will not participate in any school board or Ministry of Education professional learning offered outside of the instructional day; not participate in activities related to the Fundamentals of Math Strategy; not participate in any Ministry of Education online training or webinars; not participate in any way in the development of the Math Proficiency Test for faculty of education students; not participate in any EQAO-related activities; not attend staff/division/grade team meetings; and will not complete Term 1 report cards in full, among other actions.

In phase one of work-to-rule, ETFO members can still participate in homework clubs, school dances, concerts, voluntary extra-curricular activities, field trips and class excursions. ETFO members across the province voted 98 per cent in favour of central strike action, as announced by ETFO on Nov. 1.

"Our goal is to turn up the heat on Premier Ford and his education minister, Stephen Lecce," Hammond said in the Nov. 14 press release.

The same day the notification of job action was announced, Lecce responded in a statement, saying: "It is disappointing that ETFO has decided to escalate to a partial withdrawal of services, which hurts our kids, despite a limited number of outstanding items at the table." Lecce said the government and Council of Trustees' Association have "only one interest in mind: landing a deal that keeps our kids in class."

"Furthermore, it is disheartening to see that ETFO has decided to specifically target several initiatives and resources designed to improve students' confidence and knowledge in math," he said. "The singular victim of this escalation is our kids. Given that far too many students across the province continue to struggle with math, this move will clearly hurt students in, and beyond, the classroom." Lecce said his negotiating team "stands ready for meaningful, good faith bargaining 24/7, to reach the deals Ontario students and families deserve."

The work-to-rule action is expected to continue until the labour dispute is resolved, or further action is taken. ETFO represents 83,000 elementary public school teachers, occasional teachers and education professionals across the province.

Last month, a last-minute deal was reached between the province and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, which represents about 55,000 education workers in the province, averting a full strike poised to proceed on Oct. 7.

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, representing 60,000 members announced Monday afternoon that OSSTF members, in a strike vote held from Oct. 22 to Nov. 15, "have voted overwhelmingly in favour of strike action should it become necessary." No job action has been announced. The Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association representing 45,000 teachers is also holding strike votes this month.

For more information regarding labour action in TLDSB, visit [www.tlidsb.ca/labour-updates](http://www.tlidsb.ca/labour-updates).

# Outage to affect residents throughout Haliburton County, Hydro One says

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Hill and Wilberforce are located in Monmouth; Gooderham is located in Glamorgan; Dysart et al includes the Village of Haliburton; Gelert and Lochlin are located in Snowdon; West Guilford and Eagle Lake are located in Guilford; Fort Irwin is located in Harburn and Kennis Lake is located in Havelock. For reference, Dudley is located north of Monmouth, between Dysart and Harcourt.

Carnarvon is not scheduled to be affected.

Hydro One also stated: "We know that any outage causes a disruption for our customers, particularly outages of this length. Hydro One works to reduce the impact on customers by bundling required work, so multiple outages are not required, while using all available crews. We appreciate everyone's patience as our crews work as safely and as quickly to complete this important work."

Anyone who has not been contacted by Hydro One and is concerned about being without hydro or wants more information should call 1-888-664-9376.

# Cardiff pool, Glamorgan garage in need of replacement, council hears

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Highlands East has been proactive in maintaining its buildings, but work will need to happen to upgrade from a "fair" rating given to the municipality's infrastructure portfolio through an assessment done this year.

Kevin Nelson of WalterFedy, an architecture and engineering firm in Kitchener, reported to Highlands East council on its condition assessment for 34 of the municipality's facilities, including sheds over pump equipment, fire stations, community centres and municipal administration facilities.

In May, Nelson said the project began with site visits that involved visual inspections and input from municipality staff about elements of each building that include the foundation, electrical, mechanical, interior features, structure and site features. According to his presentation, "building elements were assessed for physical and mechanical condition, estimated remaining lifecycle, and functional performance: are they doing what they are intended to do."

The assessment did not involve any equipment being taken apart or removed, back-up generators being turned on or fire alarm systems activated, and the assessment done in warm weather meant furnaces and heating equipment were not operating but Nelson said "assessments and recommendations were made using knowledge of similar, typical systems, considerations of element age, obvious physical issues, plus the input of municipal staff knowledge."

A Facility Condition Index for each building "provides an indication of the overall condition of the building compared to others in the portfolio, and compared to industry standards," said Nelson in his report, noting that it doesn't give an indication with what specifically is wrong with any building, but is intended as what he said is a high-level broad spectrum picture, a good first step.

Overall, Highlands East's portfolio is in fair condition, said Nelson, noting that the buildings listed as having poor FCI were offsetting the overall rating.

According to the report, most of the municipality's buildings were in an "acceptable, functional condition," and many deficiencies were aesthetic – aging flooring, fading paint, etc.

"There was a clear pattern of good maintenance practices and planned upgrades," he reported. "At several buildings much of the major and costly equipment had recently been replaced, or was scheduled to be replaced in the next one to two years."

Nelson recommended an entirely new pool facility be built in Cardiff, to replace the pool basin which has aged past a normal lifecycle and is deteriorating, and doesn't have required features for today's standards. The cost to do that would be about \$2.5 million, which Nelson acknowledged was a lot of money, so recommended at minimum building a new change room and mechanical services room at a cost of \$600,000 and continuing cyclical repairs on the pool basin.

"That will get you five to 10 years maybe but eventually consideration has to be given to replacing that basin entirely," he said.

The Glamorgan equipment shelter and garage had the current worst FCI, and Nelson reported it "has reached the end of useful life: [it] is at risk of total collapse." The cost to fix "significant deficiencies" were estimated at \$291,796. Alternatively, the municipality could consider combined bulk storage which he said would be more efficient than the current situation.

Highland Grove fire station No. 2 and workshop were considered to be in mixed condition, since the fire station section is older than the workshop section, the latter which is in better condition.

"The fire station, physically it's not in great condition," he said. "There are two bay doors but they've got three

vehicles. I don't know how you guys did it because when I was there it was super crowded."

In recommending next steps, Nelson said to "keep up the good maintenance," in comparison to what he typically sees in his line of work. "I have to say, honestly, the proactive practices I saw during my visit were very good," he said.

He also recommended to use the capital forecasts for each building to assist in the annual budget, to prepare a municipal strategic asset plan and to do another building condition assessment in about five years.

Councillors had no questions and did not discuss the presentation, receiving it as information.

Kevin Nelson of WalterFedy, an architecture and engineering firm in Kitchener, reported to Highlands East council on its condition assessment for 34 of the municipality's facilities at a Nov. 12 meeting of council. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



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# More support needed to make workplace safer: teachers' union

Violence against elementary school staff a growing problem, provincial study finds

JENN WATT

Editor

The workplace has become increasingly dangerous for elementary school education workers, a recent University of Ottawa study has found, with violence against teachers, EAs and other staff affecting more than half of those surveyed.

The study, called "Facing the Facts: The escalating crisis of violence against elementary school educators in Ontario," was released in September and found that "54 per cent of educators reported experiencing one or more acts of physical violence during the 2017-2018 school year; 60 per cent reported one or more attempts to use physical force and 49 per cent experienced one or more threats. Overwhelmingly, this violence was student perpetrated."

The union representing elementary school teachers across the province said the results of the study, which involved 1,688 educators surveyed in December of 2018, is evidence of the need for more supports and resources for students and point to violence in the workplace as a reason for higher rates of sick leave and WSIB claims. The study found a seven-fold increase in violence over the last 12 years.

Locally, Trillium Lakelands District School Board tracks numbers of staff injured on the job.

"In the 2018-2019 [school year] we had 982 reports of staff injury from student

aggression/violent incidents," Catherine Shedden, spokesperson for TLDSB, wrote in an email to the *Echo*. "This includes when special education staff are intervening with students with special needs. And it also includes students who attempted but did not injure staff."

One former educational assistant who worked for TLDSB up until recently said that she frequently experienced aggressive behaviour from students, leading to physical and mental health issues. She said she went into the field because she wanted to help students with disabilities, but found that being an EA was 80 per cent dealing with students with behavioural issues and, crucially, that she didn't think there was enough staff to properly handle situations that arose.

"It is non-stop, all day, jumping from one thing to another and just because kids have these learning plans and things in place, if something comes up that trumps that – which [poor] behaviour trumps everything because it means safety's at risk – you're putting out fires all day: fire, fire, fire," said the EA, who asked to remain nameless because of the sensitive nature of the issue. "You're not actually working on a behaviour or working to get this child what they need because there's not enough staff."

She said she's had things thrown at her and has been subjected to physical aggression.

"I know people that have had it far worse than me, that would have to wear protective body armour so they don't get bit or punched or their hair ripped out, people who have to wear hats all day

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*These children, who are coming into the system, they need proper diagnosis at an early stage and they need proper interventions.*

— Karen Bratina  
President of Trillium Lakelands  
teacher local, ETFO

because they've had pieces of their scalp torn out. It is getting more and more hazardous and more and more people are leaving, going on stress leave, sick leave, and I don't know how they do what they do and I'll always support them. It's one of the hardest, most unappreciated jobs ever."

Her experience in the workplace sometimes led to intense anxiety, said the EA.

"I had to go into therapy because I was having such anxiety and panic and it was getting so bad I didn't want to go to the school anymore. I would have to pull over on the way driving to work to talk myself into going to work."

She no longer works as an educational assistant.

Karen Bratina, president of the Trillium Lakelands teacher local of Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, said more resources are needed to support education workers, in particular more EAs as well as psychologists and psychiatrists to diagnose conditions early on, so that appropriate accommodations can be

made.

"When I talk about the Ministry [of Education] providing the proper funding, I'm talking about providing front-line supports for the students that are most vulnerable, those who are most violent. Because in the end, these violent behaviours are their form of communication," Bratina said. "These children, who are coming into the system, they need proper diagnosis at an early stage and they need proper interventions."

An ETFO survey done a couple of years ago had similar findings to the one from the University of Ottawa, she said, with 70 per cent of teachers experiencing violence within their school community – either on them or witnessing violence against others.

"We have a few teachers in this board that have had to wear protective gear – nowhere near what some of the boards are wearing – but we have some that wear what they call bite gloves or bite sleeves because children are biting them," she said.

Bratina said she worried about the change in workplace environment; that teachers and other workers are becoming accustomed to dealing with aggressive behaviour.

"One of the biggest concerns I get from my teachers [that I represent] is that these behaviours are becoming normalized in their environment," she said. "... I have teachers evacuating the entire class because you no longer remove a violent student from the classroom, you remove everybody else so that the violent student can de-escalate and somebody comes in and helps that student de-escalate and so, again, it's negatively impacting on the learning of those other students. I know that ETFO has plans to really take the lead

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# School board seeing 'change in the intensity of need for some of our learners'

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on this this year, especially since we're bargaining."

ETFO staff plan to begin work-to-rule job action next week as negotiations with the province continue. CUPE, which represents a range of education workers including EAs, voted earlier this month to ratify their agreement with the provincial government.

A teacher who works for TLDSB told the *Echo* that she found it fulfilling to work with students with behavioural issues, but being able to make progress requires having supports necessary in the classroom. Sometimes students act out as a way of communicating, she said, and by working with them, over time she can see change.

"You see so much progress," she said. "When you figure that trigger out and then you do things to get around it, and then it no longer happens [you think] 'yeah! I won!' And then you also see this student starts to feel good too," she said. "To see those kids who came to me ... that would scream, yell, throw and now they're putting their hands up and participating in class. You do all that work behind the scenes ... to try to minimize the anger. There's definitely many students that need more support, definitely."

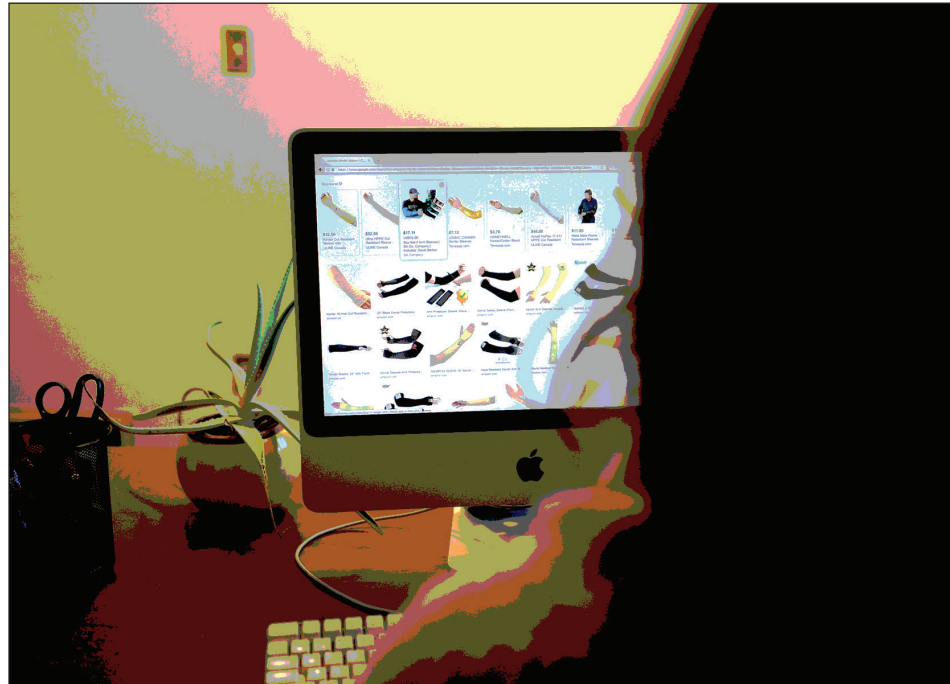
The teacher, who is employed by the school board and asked not to be named, said that although TLDSB has provided her with training and tools to address aggressive student behaviour, not all teachers have as much support in the classroom as is needed.

"If I have 25 kids in the classroom and no support, each kid gets 1-25th of my time. But if I have another adult in the classroom, that other adult can see, hey, [a student is] getting pretty angry. That EA can dedicate more time with that student while I work with the 24," she said.

"There's so many students that are on that cusp of either figuring out they're a learner or turning to the behaviour and it seems like there's more students turning to behaviour because they don't understand something, they don't get something, than there are kids turning to learners."

Both the EA and the teacher said that experience varies based on assignment. Depending on the students they're looking after, they may rarely experience an aggressive episode.

The teacher said that in her experience, EAs handle more of the behavioural issues.



Some educators across the province, including a few working at Trillium Lakelands District School Board, wear "bite sleeves" – protective coverings to avoid injury while working with children, according to the ETFO local president. A survey of more than 1,600 educators across the province found that more than half had been subjected to violence in the previous year, mostly from students. The teachers' union says more educational assistants and mental health specialists are needed in the classrooms to properly support children. /KAREN LONDON Staff

"They don't get enough credit. They truly, honestly don't. At the end of every single day, I say to my EA, 'thank you.' I couldn't get through a day without her. So, I always thank my EA. We're a team."

TLDSB spokesperson Catherine Shedden said 11 trainers provide behaviour management systems training to EAs, who are recertified every year. The training is also available for teachers and administrators.

"It is also important to note that we have a behaviour intervention resource team available to support school teams with programming for students with behavioural exceptionalities," she said.

Regarding how EAs are allocated to classrooms, she said the board reviews how many EAs each school has twice a year. The principal "works with central staff to determine the needs of all students when assigning staff." Special funding is available from the Ministry of Education for "staff support to ensure the health and/or safety of students who have extraordinarily high needs."

Asked whether the board needed more funding for EAs and mental health specialists to address issues that lead to student aggression toward staff, Shedden

said TLDSB had been working with an increasingly demanding situation regarding student behaviour.

"We have seen a change in the intensity

of need for some of our learners and this is becoming increasingly difficult to manage," she said via email. "School boards are now expected to support children in their mental health and well-being in a way that was not expected in the past. We work hard to be as responsive as possible with the educational assistants and student services counsellors we have in place. We can always use more staff as the intensity and frequency of needs increase."

Shedden said any workers who witness incidents of concern are to report to the principal using a "safe schools reporting form" and the principal is responsible for responding.

According to the University of Ottawa study, respondents from across Ontario reported "taking an average of 6.84 days off work following their worst instance of harassment in the past year and an average of 5.18 days off work following their worst instance of physical violence."

"Almost half of educators did not report their worst incident of workplace violence in the past year," the report states, with reasons given such as "lack of time, being discouraged to do so and concern about repercussions."

Bratina said more support needs to come from the province to make classrooms safer.

Supporters need to "put pressure on this government," she said. "... I think that's the best way to get the message across."

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

## Poetic mystery

SOMETIMES STORIES take you to interesting places, reaching people you never anticipated and taking turns that are pleasantly unexpected. Such was the case with a story we published on Private Benjamin Bird, a Haliburton man who moved out west in the early 1900s before enlisting to fight in the First World War.

Bird was honoured by the North Entrance Masonic Lodge this year in what's called an "empty chair ceremony," a ritual adapted from the American Civil War that recognizes Masons who were killed in combat. Because he had been highlighted by the Masons, we decided to look into his history for the *Echo*, and consulted with local historian extraordinaire Adele Espina.

If you haven't had the opportunity to witness Adele's superb sleuthing skills, you're missing out. Her natural curiosity and incredible proficiency with archives has been hugely beneficial to the Haliburton Highlands over the years as she's helped to document the history of inhabitants both for the museum and for the newspapers.

Adele unearthed several records on Benjamin Bird showing his movements across the country and his service to Canada and then she found one more: a newspaper clipping from the *Calgary Herald* in 1924 printing a poem written by Bird called *Where the Great Peace River Flows*. The *Herald's* story was about how someone named W.B. Doncaster had passed off the poem as his own and the paper was setting the story straight that it was actually Bird who had written it.

Aside from being an interesting historical anecdote, the poem itself was touching and included sentiments of a soldier overseas, wishing to return to his fair Peace River. We printed the poem in full.

But that wasn't the end of the story. From Alberta, an email arrived to our office a couple of days later from another passionate history buff – Leslie Ayre-Jaschke – who wrote that in her town the common wisdom was that the poem was written by John Sweeney, a settler who had lived in the Peace River area.

In fact, it was printed in a collection of Sweeney's poetry. Could it be that Benjamin Bird was actually not the author of the poem, but was mistakenly credited? Perhaps the poem was written by Sweeney and tucked into Bird's uniform as a reminder of home, but wasn't actually his work.

I forwarded the messages from Leslie onto Adele and waited to see what transpired.

More archive digging ensued and in the end, although there is no definitive answer, it seems likely that Benjamin Bird penned the poem. Incredibly – perhaps because the poem is so lovely – *Where the Great Peace River Flows* has been attributed to at least three authors over the years.

The process also uncovered even more information on Private Bird.

More than 100 years after his death, Bird's life continues to intrigue and inspire. With the power of the internet and two bright minds, we now have a much better understanding of who he was and what the life of those who enlisted in the early 1900s would have been like.



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Frozen lake, embedded branch

by Darren Lum

## Christmas season is here

EACH CHRISTMAS season I am reminded that community is at the heart of Christmas celebrations. Community can be your family and friends but it can also include your work mates, team mates, and, neighbours. This year I invite you to think of everyone in your community as someone to celebrate Christmas with. Share a kind word. Share a kind deed. Always remember that there is more than enough goodness to share with everyone.

The downtown Haliburton Christmas celebrations begin this Friday, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. in front of the village square for the annual tree lighting festivities. Gord Kidd and Friends will be entertaining us with their Christmas carols, and encouraging everyone to join them in song. There will be treats for the children as they await the start of the Santa Claus Parade at 6:30 p.m. Please be reminded that there will be no parking on Highland Street from Pine Avenue to Cedar Avenue. We are committed to the safety of everyone and this will allow our parade participants all the space they need to walk, march, drive and dance!

We are grateful to Jim Frost and the Haliburton Lions Club for the hours of organization that go into this parade. The delight on the children's faces is such a great reward for their commitment to the success of this community event.

On Saturday, Nov. 23 from noon until 2 p.m., Santa Claus will be at the Rails End Gallery for their annual

family friendly Christmas party. Everyone is welcome to this free event presented in partnership with the Haliburton Lions Club. There will be crafts, snacks, a small gift, and an opportunity to visit with Santa Claus. Don't miss out on this fun opportunity to have your children or grandchildren meet Santa Claus. Everyone will definitely want to be on Santa's nice list after this event.

Also, on Saturday, Nov. 23, your downtown Haliburton businesses will be kicking off our annual Buy In

And (BIA) Win Contest. This is our way of saying thank you for shopping local. Simply visit any downtown business and fill in a ballot to win a Caribbean vacation or cash. The draw will take place on December 23 and you can enter the draw as many times as you would like. Shop Local and WIN!

On Thursday, Dec. 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. we will celebrate our third annual Women's Shopping Night. You don't want to miss

the great in-store savings on this special shopping evening. There will also be shopping carols, and a warming centre in the village square with free hot chocolate and free shopping bags. We will also have our passport program again this year. Shop at five businesses, have your passport validated, and then bring it to the draw drum at Foodland and you could win one of five \$100 Foodland Gift Cards. Call your girlfriends and get ready for a fun Girls' Night Out in downtown Haliburton on Dec. 5.

Enjoy your downtown Haliburton Christmas celebrations.

BIA in



cindy campbell

## The Village

We welcome letters to the editor.  
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# points of view

## Seek and you shall ... never mind

**J**UST THIS MORNING I received an urgent email from my friend Mac. In it, he basically laid out a problem I would not wish upon anyone. Namely, he was missing his fishing glasses and the last time he used them was when we went brook trout fishing in September.

Here's the problem part. Since we drove to our spot in my vehicle, Mac asked me if I might have a look in it to see if they were still there. He suggested the glove box might be a good place to start.

Unfortunately, this was no small ask. First off, over the last year or two, perhaps because of general instability in the world and all-out craziness south of the border, I have been subconsciously turning my SUV into what some people would refer to as a bug out vehicle. Within it is everything a man would need to survive – namely, fishing rod and reel, a box of flies, waders, hand sanitizer, a snow brush, old Kleenex, damp granola bars, empty CD cases, tinfoil that I could turn into a makeshift cup should the need arise, my coffee mug, a canoe paddle, dehydrated wet wipes, several decoys, a sling-shot, a baseball hat, a lighter that no longer works, a mostly used up LCBO gift card and a deadly package that held things I could potentially use to intimidate those people who, after a post-apocalyptic meltdown, are in opposing tribes.



steve  
galea

### Loon Tales

Granted, I would not plant the kale seeds unless they forced my hand, but they were there nonetheless.

I guess what I'm saying is that Mac did what any fishing buddy would do – he presented me with an impossible request. In fairness, he did so knowing full well that the Angler's Code meant that I had no choice but to make an effort.

For those who are unaware of the Angler's Code, it was created by some genius right around the same time I asked Mac if he could check to see if I had seen my favourite fly reel in his vehicle. The fact that I found it shortly after I made that request, only goes to prove that the Angler's Code works, though not always for the person it is inflicted on.

Regardless, I went to my vehicle and began checking in all the normal places that a fellow angler might leave his fishing glasses. Instead I found a fishing rod and reel, box of flies, waders, hand sanitizer, a snow brush, old Kleenex, damp granola bars, empty CD cases, tinfoil that I could turn into a makeshift cup should the need arise, my coffee mug, a canoe paddle, dehydrated wet wipes, several decoys, a slingshot, a baseball hat, a lighter that no longer works, a mostly used up LCBO gift card and a deadly package that held things I could potentially use to intimidate those people who, after a post-apocalyptic meltdown, are in opposing tribes.

Needless to say, I did not find Mac's fishing glasses.

But just as I was about to call and tell him so, I received another email from him that basically said "Don't bother looking anymore. I found them in my bicycle box."

Despite my efforts, I felt really good for Mac because he found his fishing glasses. After all, quality fishing glasses are one of those things that an angler has a hard time doing without.

On an unrelated note, I'm planting kale in his garden next spring.



## pic of the past

**T**he *Minden Echo* was established in 1884 and in 1951 was purchased by Walter Noice of Minden and Berkeley Feir of Haliburton and re-named the *Haliburton County Echo* as it moved headquarters to Haliburton. This photo, from the book *Haliburton: A History in Pictures*, was taken in 1952 in the *Echo's* press room. From left, Walter Noice running the Liberty platen job press, George Wheeler operating the Intertype machine, Berkeley Feir setting type, and Cliff Booth tightening the chase. This office has since been torn down and was on what is now the Maple Avenue restaurant property. *Haliburton: A History in Pictures* was published by the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

## letters to the editor

# Tree is a community effort

To the Editor,

We have been fortunate in Haliburton Village to have had Christmas trees for the town donated for the last several years. Over the years, these kind folks have donated trees: Jerry Lis, Pat and Tom Marshall (several years), Leslie and David Chumbley, Pete Curry (several years) and this year, Holly and John McDonald (Lakeview Motel).

Everyone is grateful for these generous donations. Randy Bull of Randy's Landscaping donates his time and his truck to pick up the tree and hold it while it's fixed in place. (Lyle Stamp did this for many years.)

We are also grateful to Mike Iles and members

of the fire department for erecting the tree and hanging the decorative lights.

Anthony and Julianne Vanlieshout generously allow the use of their property and hydro during the entire season.

Without all these people donating and helping it would not be possible. Thank you all.

Jim Frost  
Co-ordinator

P.S. Remember to come to the carol sing and tree lighting with Gord Kidd & Friends on Nov. 22, the night of the parade.

# No time for procrastination

To the Editor,

On Sept. 27, I attended a meeting of the county's joint environmental committee.

I was very impressed by the overall respect and collaboration between its members. John Smith, councillor for Dysart et al, brought forward to the agenda a request to declare a climate emergency in Haliburton County. I was thrilled that there was unanimous support for this even though there was no formal vote. This committee has no decision-making authority. County Warden Liz Danielsen suggested each council should encourage the county to declare an emergency. I had intended to send them a letter relaying how proud I was of their decision, but procrastination prevailed.

Dysart et al's environment and climate change committee quickly acted and passed a motion on Oct. 10, requesting Dysart's council to indicate to county council that they wanted a climate emergency declared. This passed but Dysart council deferred the item, at Mayor Roberts's request, pending the discussion scheduled for the next day at county council. Dysart council granted that. County council at their meeting decided it was best to have a plan in place first before declaring a climate emergency. Had they decided to strike a succinct and clear motion in favour of this decision, Haliburton County would have stood tall with many other brave communities in Canada and the world.

In an open letter signed by over 11,000 scien-

tists from The Alliance of World Scientists, they are taking a stand. "We declare ... clearly and unequivocally that planet Earth is facing a climate emergency," says the letter's opening statement.

Alina Fisher states, "People do understand (climate change) but they don't see how it affects them. It's important for us as scientists to bridge that gap."

"The climate crisis is closely linked to excessive consumption of the wealthy lifestyle," it says. "We must change how we live."

Energy sources must move beyond carbon. Diets must include less meat.

"Excessive extraction of materials and over-exploitation of ecosystems, driven by economic growth, must be quickly curtailed ... We must protect and restore Earth's ecosystems."

Emma Lim, an activist from #NoFutureNoChildren states, "It is easier to bear the pain of not having children than it is to bear the pain of not being able to protect them."

There is no time for procrastination, citizens of Haliburton County.

We need county council to take action now to take a stand for our/future children and our global community to declare Haliburton County a leader in climate emergency. The plan I feel can then move forward with the assistance of the new climate change co-ordinator and council.

Bonnie Roe  
Ritchie Falls

# County takes to Trip Advisor

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Nov. 13 meeting of the Haliburton County tourism committee.

Tourism director Amanda Virtanen presented the department's 2020 tourism marketing to committee members.

"We are looking at making quite an investment with Trip Advisor," Virtanen said of the popular travel website, explaining that would include the creation of a destination page for the county on the site.

"We definitely need to be there," Virtanen said. "It would also really help our Google presence."

Along with continuing traditional marketing practices such as advertising on a variety of platforms, the plan includes a continued emphasis on digital storytelling by local stakeholders, and Virtanen said the county is looking for tourism operators to create short digital videos of the experiences they offer.

"These videos do not need to be onerous," she said, adding they could be simple videos shot with a smartphone.

The county will then distribute this content on various online platforms. "The focus of this operation would be on our adventure partners."

Virtanen said the department will offer one-on-one consultation and training for any operators who wish.

## More heads in beds

More participants of this year's Hike Haliburton Festival stayed in paid accommodations than they did the year before. Virtanen reported to committee members

that 13 per cent of hikers stayed at paid accommodations, versus eight per cent who stayed at paid accommodations in 2018. There were 2,200 in this fall's festival, although not all registered hikers always show up.

The event, which features dozens of guided hikes throughout the county on a weekend in late September, had 179 volunteers help make it happen this year. Virtanen said only one per cent of participants came from outside the province, a figure the tourism department is looking to grow.

## New snowmobile loop

Virtanen told the committee members tourism information clerk Eric Casper has developed the idea of a new snowmobile loop, using existing trails, connecting the village of Haliburton and Minden, which will be called the Forest and Rail (FAR) Loop. It has been supported by the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association and, as Virtanen pointed out, is a relatively short, easy loop close to food, gas and towns, so suitable for those who may be new to snowmobiling. It is featured in the 2020 trail guide. Casper has also recreated a snowmobiling section on the county's tourism website, which highlights key stops, staging areas, accommodation etc.

## Winter Edition

The Hike Haliburton Festival – Winter Edition pilot is set to take place Feb. 7 and 8. A winterized version of the Hike Haliburton Festival being held for the first time, it will feature guided snowshoe hikes, along with other wintery activities. It will offer up to 15 hikes and it's planned to have online registration available before the holiday season.



## Open doors at open house

Above, paintings on display at the open house at the Haliburton School of Art + Design Fleming College campus on Nov. 9. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Right, Andrea Lynch, who splits her time between San Diego and the Haliburton Highlands, works on some pottery. The open house offered the public a chance to see the kind of programming the school has to offer.

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# Retailer extends gift card for donations during purchases

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Bring warmth to the community by donating your clean, gently used coat to Haliburton’s Algonquin Outfitters, for its annual Winter Coat Drive during the

month of November.

Customers who donate a coat to the local outdoors clothing retailer (as well as at stores in Bracebridge, Huntsville and

Oxtongue Lake) while purchasing a new, regularly priced winter coat will receive a \$50 Algonquin Outfitters gift card for a future purchase.

The gently used coats will be donated to SIRCH Community Services in Haliburton and to the Table in Huntsville.

In an emailed response, SIRCH Community Services executive director Gena Robertson said, “Algonquin Outfitters has partnered with SIRCH for the past few years to help solicit gently used winter coats. Honestly, Share the Warmth wouldn’t be able to provide jackets for so many people in the community without the support of Algonquin Outfitters.”

Share the Warmth is in its fourth year distributing free winter coats and winter wear to families and seniors in need. It had two giveaway days in November with one more to go on Friday, Nov. 22 (from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) after having two in October.

Call 705-787-0262 for more details or see [algonquinoutfitters.com/event/annual-winter-coat-drive-2019](http://algonquinoutfitters.com/event/annual-winter-coat-drive-2019).

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*Honestly, Share the Warmth wouldn’t be able to provide jackets for so many people in the community without the support of Algonquin Outfitters.*

— Gena Robertson

## Hot chocolate for Food for Kids

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Warm yourself up before the upcoming Santa Claus Parade in Haliburton this Friday night with a by-donation hot chocolate.

Available in front of McKecks Restaurant on Highland Street, all of the proceeds raised through hot chocolate sales are going to Food for Kids, which is an organization that works towards providing students healthy food without stigma at all of Haliburton County’s publicly funded schools including J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Wilberforce Elementary School, Cardiff Elementary School and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Haliburton resident Linda Shantz and her son Jurgen, a HHSS student, will be staffing the table.

This was an idea Shantz had for years and thought she’d do it this year.

All relevant equipment and ingredients are being donated by Food for Kids co-ordinator Aaron Walker, who was contacted by Shantz.

Shantz encourages people to bring their own mug or cup.

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# The Sound of Music to return to Summer Festival

This year's Highlands Summer Festival will kick off with an incredibly popular offering: *The Sound of Music*. The beloved musical, set in Austria during the Second World War, will once again be staged in Haliburton starting June 29.

"Patrons will recall we presented the show in 2004," said Scot Denton, artistic producer, during an announcement on Nov. 17 at McKecks Tap and Grill. "It was such an overwhelming success then, we thought it was time to bring this inspiring, family-friendly musical back."

Maria, a nun searching for her place in the world, takes on the role of governess for a family of seven children living under the strict rules of widowed naval captain Von Trapp. Through the power of music and optimism, Maria begins to change the lives of everyone in the household, just as the Nazis begin their invasion of Austria.

*The Sound of Music* sold out when it was first performed in Haliburton and organizers said they expect an equally enthusiastic response over the 10 performances.

"This has to be one of the most crowd-pleasing musicals the world has ever enjoyed," Denton said.

Next up will be another well-known and beloved production: *The Importance of Being Earnest*, a comedic play written by Oscar Wilde, first staged in 1895.

"The script is one of Wilde's best, full of wit, satire, comedy and a biting commentary on the mores and manners of Edwardian England," Denton said.

Highlands Summer Festival describes the play as "one of the cleverest comedies by one of the greatest writers in the English language. ... Oscar Wilde's scintillating, hilarious work introduces us to Jack and Algernon, charming bachelors who are each living a double life, aided by a fictional alter ego called Ernest. But the two fall truly in love with a pair of proper young women, Gwendolen and Cecily – both of whom are partial to men named Ernest. Will Jack and Algernon be able to bring an end to the charade and convince the formidable Lady Bracknell that they are suitable candidates for marriage?"

Following *The Importance of Being Earnest* is *Lucien*, written and performed by Marshall Button. Lucien is an opinionated New Brunswick mill worker, a character developed by Button based on his experiences working in the paper mill in Dalhousie. Nearly 2,000 performances of *Lucien* have been staged across the country.

*Every Brilliant Thing*, by Duncan Macmillan and Jonny Donahoe, is scheduled to run July 27 to 31 and is an "uplifting play about depression and the lengths we will go for those we love," according to a press release. *The Guardian* called it "possibly one of the funniest plays you'll ever see" tackling tough topics around mental health and making those around us happy.

The season wraps with *Across the Pond*, celebrating 50 years of British music, featuring the songs of The Beatles, Elton John, Adele, Van Morrison, Annie Lennox, the Rolling Stones and more. Performed by Leisa Way and the Lonely Hearts Club Band. Performances begin Aug. 2.

Season passes are \$160, individual tickets \$37.50. For dates and times of all of this year's Highlands Summer Festival performances and to buy tickets, call 705-457-9933 or go to [highlandssummerfestival.on.ca](http://highlandssummerfestival.on.ca) and click on "buy tickets."

- Staff



Past president of the Highlands Summer Festival Jack Brezina holds the Lifetime Membership award he received for his 20 years at the helm of the Highlands Summer Festival board. Standing with Brezina on the left is Brian Kipping, president of the Highlands Summer Festival and Scot Denton, artistic producer of Highlands Summer Festival. Brezina received this special recognition at the 2020 Highlands Summer Festival playbill announcement at McKecks on Sunday, Nov. 17. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

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# sports



The Red Hawks senior boys' volleyball team, back row from left: coach Brett Caputo, Tyler Martin, Hunter Arnott, Liam Little, Logan Heaven, Zayden Crete, and Samuel Hoenow. Front row from left: Jacob Dobson, Carson Phillips, Brian Kim, and Bence Suranyi. Absent for the photo coach Justin Collins and Dustyn McCready-DeBruin. /Submitted by Brett Caputo, courtesy of HHSS Yearbook

## Senior Hawks reflect on volleyball season

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

An excited home crowd saw the potential of the Red Hawks volleyball program on display during the A Kawartha Championship loss to the Titans of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School.

The senior squad, which returned after what was more than a 20-year hiatus, pushed the perennial volleyball powerhouse Titans to the five set max, losing 2-3 (15-25, 25-15, 24-26, 25-19 and 9-15) on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Head coach Brett Caputo was proud of his squad following the loss.

"The boys played great as a team and really surprised a strong team from St. Thomas," he wrote several days later in an email.

Caputo said among the Hawks' standouts were "Brian Kim who was virtually unstoppable in the middle and Liam Little with some key kills late in matches."

He added the team's narrow loss was the result of a lack of "serving consistency and an aggressive St. Thomas front line

that was what put us out in the end."

"Overall we performed better than expected with a young roster in our first year in the senior division. Coach Justin Collins and I are looking forward to having a seasoned crew next year," he wrote.

The tournament ended with the Kenner Rams finishing first, earning a berth to the all-provincials. Second place was earned by the Titans and then Haliburton.

Caputo said the senior team plateaued when it came to individual play and development. However the expected infusion of junior players moving up next year will help.

Little is expected to be the lone loss for the seniors due to graduation while everyone else on the team is in Grade 11 this year. The juniors expected to join the seniors are Corin Gervais, Hunter Winder, Nick Phippen and Darian Maddock.

The juniors will be hungry to perform next year. Caputo said the juniors "under performed" in the Kawartha Championship from what he expected and also did not qualify for COSSA.

"We were fairly successful with last year's group during the regular season. Next year's focus will be to learn how to play as a team in a variety of situations.

Team defence, offensive courage and team blocking. Our play at Kawartha was a pleasant surprise, but our mental toughness and decision making abilities will

need to improve if we want to make it to the next level," he wrote.

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# Heat Bank receives assist from Hawks in home opener

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When the Red Hawks boys' hockey team hosts the visiting Mustangs of Crestwood on Tuesday, Nov. 19 for their home opener there will be more than a hockey game showcased.

Like last year, the team is using the game as an opportunity to help the Heat Bank Haliburton County by fundraising for the organization that helps with supplying emergency firewood and heat for vulnerable residents of Haliburton.

They will donate money from proceeds made from accepting donations at the door, having a raffle and hosting a "chuck-a-puck" contest. Door prizes for attendees will also be available.

Hawks coach Jason Morissette said, "It's a good way to start the season."

He said this fundraising component adds an additional significance to the home opener.

"It gives a great meaning to the hockey game. It's like hockey to me is so many things, right? It brings people together. It's supposed to be, whether you win or lose, it doesn't really matter to us. It would be nice to win of course, but it's more about bringing people together and having a fun time. It's a good chance to show school spirit. And not just about hockey. It's about something like the Heat Bank where all the money we raise stays in the county and it helps families in need, including a lot of our peers and people we know, and families and friends. So, it also teaches these young men here about giving back and being involved with the community and their school and that hockey's a great way to do that."

Generally, teenagers are perceived to "be about themselves a lot more" and this disrupts that expectation.

"Really, the truth is that they want to do things like this. They just need a little bit of opportunity and a little guidance," he said.

Getting to do it as a group makes it enjoyable, Morissette said.

"That's a big part of it," he said.

Last year the team and the coaching staff also provided the Heat Bank several hours of volunteer time, sorting and moving wood, readying it for transport. There is hope to do that again, but a date hasn't been set.

Fourth year player Lucas Haedicke said it makes him feel good to give back to the community.

Coach Morissette said this year's team may be young with 10 returning players, but it's keen.

"It's going to be a learning curve. Big time," he said. "Yeah, a big learning curve. It is what it is, right. You learn and a lot of them are excited about learning new



stuff so it's good."

The team, which includes trainer Brett Caputo, were one game shy of earning a berth to the all-provincials, losing 1-0 to the Thunder of St. Mary Catholic Secondary School in the Central Ontario Secondary School Association final.

Although the team is not looking as strong as last year, Haedicke is happy to have a season to play.

There was a chance there might not have been a team since there was a lower turnout for the team when compared to other years.

"We're really lucky we got a team this year. We were worried about not getting one, but we got everyone out to play," he said.

There are a few returning seniors on the team.

Along with Haedicke, there is the team's goalie, Carson Sisson, who had a 1.50 goals against average in the COSSA tournament.

He will be among the veterans expected to lead the team, and said there is optimism for the future as long as everyone puts in the effort.

"As long as everyone tries hard, hopefully, everything goes our way and we get some wins," he said.

**2019-2020 home scheduled games** (subject to change)

Tues., Nov. 19 vs. Crestwood at 1:15 p.m., Mon., Nov. 25 vs. I.E. Weldon at 4 p.m., Wed, Dec. 18 vs. Adam Scott at 4 p.m., Wed., Jan. 15 vs. Cobourg at 4 p.m., Wed., Feb. 5 vs. Holy Cross at 4 p.m. and Wed., Feb. 19 vs. St. Petes at 4 p.m.



Red Hawks boys' hockey players were busy preparing for their season and home opener.

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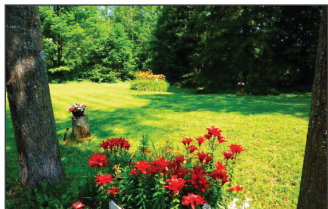
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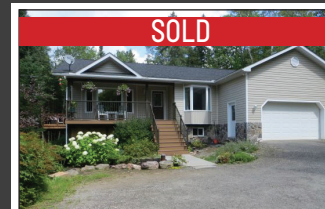
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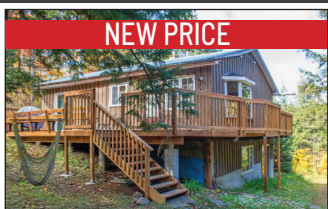
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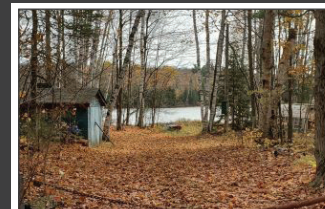
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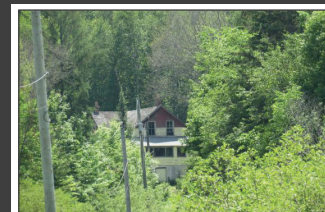
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## A night of culture

Fashion Fallies, a wearable art event held at Haliburton School of Art + Design on Nov. 15 sold out again this year. The Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands event featured the work of 34 designers, amateur and professional, and included live entertainment performances of dance, drama and music. The theme was Our Future Is Fearless.

Top right: Shay Hutchings models the dress *A Guiding Light*, which was designed and produced by Wyatt and Beatrice Hutchings.

Bottom left: *The Paper Princess* dress, designed by Denise Magloughlen was the Famed Fav (the judge's choice), and the Fan Favourite (people's choice) award winner.

Middle, top: A model showcases the *Inequality: Getting Rich Off the Backs of Others* ensemble, designed and created by Michelle Harris.

Middle, bottom: Sean Pennylegion and Jack Brezina add a little dramatic flair with their "two guys on a bench" performance.

Bottom right: Ryann Scott's *Woodland Gown* was named the Fetching Fashion award winner (student prize).



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Luba Cargill, accompanied by Bill Gliddon on the keys, performed a couple of pieces together at the West Guilford Community Centre. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



### Performance benefits Water Ambassadors

Top photo and photo above, dancers from Heritage Ballet perform parts of *The Nutcracker* during Eleanor Cooper Presents: Haliburton's Got Talent, A Share the Water Event, at the West Guilford Community Centre on the afternoon on Nov. 10. The concert was a fundraiser for Water Ambassadors Canada. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

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# Sailing club setting sights on next year's offering

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Now that winter weather has set in the Highlands, sailing is a distant memory for most, except for those who were provided an unforgettable experience on the water

with the Haliburton County Youth Sailing Association.

Started this past summer, the association was a collaborative effort and offered youth and young adults an introduction to sailing, empowering them to succeed.

Robin Carmount, who is credited with the idea of the sailing association, said

the debut year was amazing. "We had a really good summer in light of it being our first summer. We pretty much met or exceeded every goal that we had set out for ourselves," he said.

The goals included to be on the water by July, to have upwards of five participants (21 signed up and 10 sailed), money in the bank and a fleet of 13 boats at their disposal.

When asked about his favourite part of the year: "I've got to say for myself is just to see the look on these [kids' faces] when they show up and when they get to go sailing," he said. "Just because they just love it."

He remembers the joy and sense of achievement when he took two youth at the end of the season on his sailboat.

"The look on their face when you see them sailing. You know, steering it on their own, tying knots and all that. One of the tests I had to do for them the one day before we went sailing was tie a bowline ... they just loved it," he said.

There will be a concerted effort to improve, using the feedback from participants and volunteers, he said.

Carmount said none of this would have been possible without the support from the community, whether it was volunteers, individuals or businesses.

The Red Umbrella Inn provided their location on Twelve Mile Lake as a base of operations for the association. The help also came from donations from various sources including clothing by CoHo Apparel, a fridge from Haliburton Home Hardware and money from Boshkung Lake Property Owners' Association.

Jacqueline Smith, who is the aunt of the Haywood girls, Kaylee, 10, and Madelin, 9, said the girls enjoyed their time over several sailing sessions during the summer. It was never an issue to get them motivated to go, she said.

"They would get ready themselves because they knew Saturday or Thursday or whatever was sail day," she said.

The girls are expected to return next year because of how much they enjoyed being on the water and learning from volunteers. Smith said through this experience the girls developed leadership and social skills, relating to adults they didn't know.

Sailing as an activity wasn't really on the radar before this opportunity came up. And yet, it makes perfect sense with the area.

"How many kids do you know that they actually get to learn to sail. It's really cool. We live up in this country and don't realize the stuff that is right in our own backyard that is super amazing," she said.

Smith acknowledges the girls were apprehensive after doing online research into sailing. "But then they came to realize it is actually pretty cool and they're

in charge and there is no motor and they were able to understand the energy that the wind had. The instructors were really good at explaining how the sail went and what was the force of energy that got the boat to go. It was pretty cool," she said.

The girls were so impressed by the program and the people behind it that they made thank you cards for the instructors, including a thank you letter for the organization.

This programming isn't anything without its volunteers. Haliburton resident Cara Oleksuik was one of those volunteers. She grew up on the water sailing with her father and was able to share her joy with one participant.

She worked directly with the participants, teaching or just spending time with them. Whether it was sailing, fishing, swimming, or just sharing time, she said it was incredible.

On one day, high winds created a scenario where it was overly challenging to have a student in the boat and manage to get out of the bay, Oleksuik said. Her participant rode in the patrol boat and followed her out from shore before she decided to dive right in - figuratively and literally.

"She jumped in the water (with supervision and we knew that she was going to do that) and swam over to the boat and helped me right it and got in with me. I was just astounded that she just basically really took a leap of faith, right? There was just no other way to describe it. It was just incredible," she said.

The programming's fluid nature worked well for volunteers and participants, as it adapted to the weather, the participants' desires and any other unforeseen changes.

"You wouldn't think we would have a lot of time to talk on the water because you're busy sailing and instructing and teaching, but she said she gained a lot of confidence just from that one day. She said the hardest part was just showing up, but she came back and loved it," Oleksuik said.

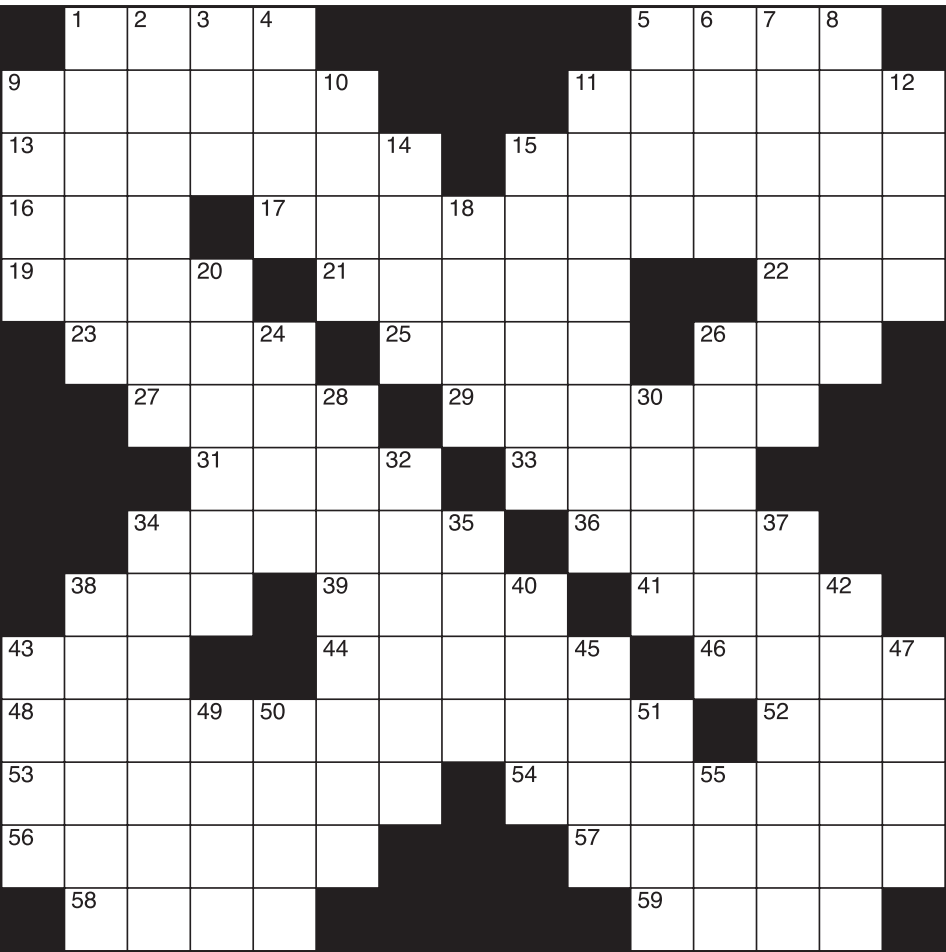
"They just loved being there. They showed up and they wanted to be there and they never wanted to go at the end of the session," she said.

The volunteer experience isn't without challenge, whether it was teaching, the unpredictable weather or who would show up. However there was great reward. So much so that Oleksuik is ready to return and help out again next year. She encourages others to join her in volunteering, which was relatively easy with an open and adaptive schedule.

Carmount said people can help in a variety of areas such as on the water, operating the patrol boat, sailing in instructing, or on land helping with trans-

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. No longer on the market
- 5. W. African language
- 9. A way to open
- 11. A type of pigeon
- 13. Japanese warrior
- 15. Pelvic areas
- 16. No seats available
- 17. Not working
- 19. In a way, soaks
- 21. Growing outward
- 22. Ritzy local \_\_\_ Air
- 23. Telegraphic signals
- 25. Metric units
- 26. Large wine cask
- 27. Fiber from the husk of a coconut
- 29. Gets up
- 31. French river
- 33. Witnesses
- 34. They make great neighbors
- 36. The sun does it
- 38. Used to store ashes
- 39. First Chinese dynasty
- 41. Network of nerves
- 43. Word element meaning ear
- 44. Metric unit of length

(Brit.)

- 46. Tributary of the Danube
- 48. Off-limits
- 52. Appeal earnestly
- 53. It's good to have them
- 54. Commercial flying company
- 56. Acted out in protest
- 57. Took to the sea
- 58. Cuckoos
- 59. Drove fast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Trapped
- 2. About osmosis
- 3. Romanian monetary unit
- 4. Form of Persian
- 5. Cold wind
- 6. Leave out
- 7. Small vehicle
- 8. A little off
- 9. Soviet Union
- 10. A narrow path or road
- 11. Contrary beliefs
- 12. One who speaks Gaelic
- 14. Private school in New York

- 15. Jackson and Townshend are two
- 18. Soldier in an airborne unit
- 20. Taken illegally
- 24. Capital of Valais
- 26. Male reproductive organs
- 28. State capital
- 30. One with supernatural insight
- 32. Starts all over again
- 34. Jai alai arena
- 35. Star Wars antagonist
- 37. Freestanding structure
- 38. The ideal place
- 40. The extended location of something
- 42. Made level
- 43. Distinctive smell
- 45. Greek goddess of discord
- 47. Got older
- 49. Type of monkey
- 50. Travels to
- 51. Geological times
- 55. Edge

Answers on page 19



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Haliburton County Youth Sailing Association volunteer head instructor Tom Oliver sails with 10-year-old Kaylee Haywood of Minden, as he pilots the Laser class sailboat on Twelve Mile Lake in Minden on Monday, July 29. Volunteers, participants and guardians all said the inaugural year was a success and are looking forward to next year. The association helped to introduce the sport of sailing to youth (from eight to 24 years) and provided a unique experience that fostered growth, empowerment and built self-esteem. See [mindoverwater.org](http://mindoverwater.org) for more information about applying, donations and to volunteer. /DARREN LUM Staff

# Sailing program says volunteers welcome

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portation.

"We need more people. We need more help. They don't need to be superstar sailors," he said. "If they have some sailing experience [it helps] ... You don't really need a lot. You just want to work with youth."

All volunteer sailing instructors were trained or approved by sailing lead instructor Tom Oliver.

Haliburton's Cathy McMullen, grandmother of participants Sheldon Weatherbee-McMullen, 14, and Sirena Weatherbee-McMullen, 12, said the experience was unforgettable even after only two sessions. She remembers in August there was one overly windy day for a learning session when they didn't sail and only fished off the dock. "They really enjoyed it. The people were very good, very supportive and helpful with them too," she said.

McMullen said she appreciated how sailing supplanted the children's use of electronics.

She said youth were treated well. "You didn't have to worry about them. They ... had a good time and [were] well taken care of," she said.

McMullen liked how well organized everything was, the thoroughness and the knowledge possessed by the instructors. She's looking forward to next year so the children can learn more about sailing.

Earlier in the school year, Carmount was at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and saw Sirena and said hi. Sirena didn't recognize him in uniform.

"That means something to the kids too. To be recognized and ... appreciated and that kind of thing too," McMullen said.

Oliver led the volunteer instructors and said this year couldn't have gone any better and that it went "beyond expectations."

The response from the young participants, their guardians and parents were all positive.

Although the instruction was based in large part on the CANSail curriculum, it did not include the grading and achievement levels.

The main objective was to ensure a positive atmosphere for participants rather than an environment where there could be pressure or stress.

"If a child learned a thing or two and leaves with a smile on their face then we did our job," Oliver said.

He said the purchase of the boats and the storage this winter has all been handled by one generous resident, who wishes to remain anonymous. This makes everything much easier and he said it sets them apart from other larger sailing clubs south of here.

He said other sailing instructors from outside the Highlands can't believe this concept hasn't started elsewhere. He is excited by the potential growth of the idea and how it could be the genesis for programming to help youth all over the province and country. With the winter to plan and to prepare for the upcoming sailing season, he sees greater strides for the sailing association and expects next season to start much earlier with so much already done.

There are plenty of people deserving of credit for this endeavour, he said, which everyone involved would like to see continue.

"Everybody should be proud of themselves," he said.

More information and opportunities for donations can be performed at [mindoverwater.org](http://mindoverwater.org).

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**Legion Breakfast**  
When: Nov. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon  
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**Come Play With Us: Theatre Seminar**  
When: Thursday, Nov. 21 from 7 to 9 p.m.  
Where: Haliburton School of Art + Design  
An insightful look behind the scenes of Highlands Little Theatre and Rural Rogues Productions. Find out what's involved in performing onstage as well as what's going on backstage. Presentations by Amy Brohm, Kate Butler and Michael Clipperton  
Cost: Free. More information at [cfuwvh.ca](http://cfuwvh.ca).

**Speaker: Kate Butler, Haliburton Museum**  
When: Thursday, Nov. 21, 1:30 p.m.  
Where: Haliburton Museum  
Presented by the Haliburton County Historical Society. Join us to hear Kate Butler, director of the museum, share her knowledge of the fascinating history of Haliburton County

**Holiday Market**  
When: Nov. 22 and 23. Friday from 4 to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 to 6 p.m.  
Where: Pinestone Resort, 4252 County Rd. 21, Haliburton  
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**Haliburton Village Carolling and Tree Lighting**  
When: Friday, Nov. 22  
Where: In front of the Barn on Highland Street  
Time: 5:30 to 6:30 carolling, 6 p.m. Christmas Tree Lighting.  
Led by Gord Kidd and Friends, Brad Sales and Ian Pay.

**Highland Wood (Haliburton) Christmas Bazaar**  
When: Friday, Nov. 22 and Saturday, Nov. 23  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Where: 7199 Gelert Rd., Haliburton (Attached to the Hospital)  
Proceeds go to Long Term Care Residents Council  
Bring the kids to the Highland Wood Open House on Saturday only from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for a photo with Santa, hot chocolate and cookies!  
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**Minden Health Care Auxiliary's Christmas Lunch and Sale**  
When: Saturday, Nov. 23, Noon to 3 p.m.  
Where: Hyland Crest  
Gift shop and bake sales, music and fun!  
Lunch tickets \$10 available in the Gift Shop and at the door.

**Gord Kidd and Friends, Brad Sales & Ian Pay**  
When: Saturday, Nov. 23, 1 p.m.  
Where: Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Pioneer Church  
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**Rails End Gallery Photo with Santa Claus**  
When: Saturday, Nov. 23, 12 to 2 p.m.  
Where: Rails End Gallery  
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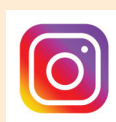
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Nola Deanna Strizic passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at age 78, ending her struggle with cancer. She was widowed in 1996 and has now joined her husband Joe G. Strizic in rest. Nola is survived and will be lovingly remembered by her daughter Jodi Strizic.

Daughter of Milton and Marjorie Hie. Her memory will live on with her sister Ev Griffin, her sister and brother-in-law June and Jim Marshal, brother and sister-in-law Thomas and Jean Strizic, brother and sister-in-law Miran and Darryle Strizic along with many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Family and friends whose lives Nola touched are invited to The Bonnie View Inn, 2713 Kashagawigamog Lake Road, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0, for a Celebration of Life on November 22, 2019 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Memorial donations to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre Northern Cancer Fund would be appreciated.

Our hearts will be shadowed where Nola's light had once shone.

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Nola Strizic

...and she did just that.

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## AND MINDEN RECORDER

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### Minden considers new policy on land sale

Anson, Hindon and Minden council will consider a draft policy on the sale of public lakefront park land after one ratepayer questioned the present system.

Parkland, which is acquired in subdivision agreements, can be sold if the funds are used towards improving parkland in the municipality. The funds cannot be used for the general accounts.

After discussion at council a month ago, Bernie Davis returned to express her concerns about the sale of public parkland, last Wednesday evening.

Presently, council's unwritten policy is to acquit themselves with the municipality's parkland and road system at the beginning of the year and tender lots for sale when sufficient water access parklands remain around a lake.

However, Davis expressed concern that the municipality may sell too much parkland and insufficient land would be left for future generations. Cottage associations could also bring pressure to bear to close the lakefront parkland.

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Brad Robinson, left, was honoured as 'Highlander of the Year' at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday. Robinson who operates Robinson's Store in Dorset, received the award from Fred Baum, reeve of Sherborne, McClintock and Livingstone.

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## Chamber elects board

### Speaker urges local tourist operators to help bring the acid rain message to Americans

Local tourist operators can aid the battle against acid rain by telling American visitors about the seriousness of the problem, an environmental lobbyist said last week.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Michael Perley, executive coordinator of the Canadian Coalition on Acid Rain said Americans must be made aware that the problem is a real and pressing one, not a fiction created by the Ontario government.

In a speech to the more than 100 Chamber members who attended the meeting, Perley restated the now familiar litany of damage and danger surrounding the acid rain issue. He stressed that only through a joint Canada/U.S. abatement agreement will the problem be brought under control.

The Canadian Coalition on Acid Rain is a lobby group that maintains offices in Toronto and Washington to press citizens concerns about the dangers of unchecked air pollution, Perley told the meeting.

In addition to Perley's speech, the meeting also included a report from Chamber manager Bob Stinson, the election of a board of directors for 1982, and the presentation of the Highlander of the Year award.

In his year end report,

Stinson expressed concern about the Chamber's \$3000 deficit, and about the fact that membership declined this year for the first time in five years. Costs of maintaining the organization and carrying out projects continue to rise, "putting more and more demands on our services and our time." The time is fast approaching, the manager said, when Chamber members are going to have to decide "how badly we want a chamber of commerce, and how much we expect of it."

"If you don't support it with your money, it won't work," Stinson said, "and we'll go further in the hole." "But we are convinced that you need the chamber," he noted, adding that he is optimistic about what will take place in the county in the near future.

A total of 14 people vied for the 12 seats on the Chamber board.

Elected were Barb Bolin, director of adult education at the Haliburton campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College, and a member of the board for the past six years; Rhonda Elstone, a partner in G. Elstone Construction and a three year veteran of the board; James Orr, owner-operator of Sir Sam's Inn, a two year veteran; Curtis Eastmire, innkeeper of Maple Sands resort who was first elected last year; Keith Stephenson, owner of Haliburton Golf Club with two years of service; Shawn Hagerman, insurance agent elected for the first time last year; Don Blakey, owner-operator of Carnarvon Country Market, for a second term; Ken Langdon, proprietor of Black's

Home Hardware, also for a second term; Dave Willis, owner of the Rockcliffe Hotel, for a second term; Jack McGregor, president and co-ordinator of Kandalore Camp; Dennis Casey, general manager of the Sky Slider and a past president of the chamber; and George Schmid, owner of the Beaconbrook Hotel.

John Stainton, an employee of Locarno resort, and Dave Stephens, owner of the Beaverbrook Golf Course, failed to gain a seat.

Ex officio directors of the chamber board are Ron Gambell, representing county council, and Bruce Potter, representing the Ministry of Industry and Tourism.

Selection of the president for the coming year is expected to be made at the new board's first meeting.

## Dorset man named 'Highlander'

### Robinson's store seen as important tourist attraction

Brad Robinson, owner of Robinson's Store in Dorset, has been named the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce 'Highlander of the Year'.

The award was presented at the Chamber's annual meeting last Thursday night.

In presenting the award on behalf of the Chamber, Fred

Baum, reeve of Sherborne, McClintock and Livingstone, noted that Robinson's store is a major tourist attraction in the Dorset area, drawing bus loads of people to the community throughout the summer and fall seasons.

Robinson's store was recently named the best country general store in Canada

in a Today magazine poll.

The Highlander of the Year Award is presented annually to someone who has made "an outstanding contribution of community service in the Highlands of Haliburton."

Previous winners include Art Ward, Carole Finn, Len Salvatori, Gary Agnew, and Roy Bates.

## Minden may ask for hazard land study

### Federal, provincial governments will fund 90 % of the estimated cost

Although it seemed Anson, Hindon and Minden council was prepared to authorize an engineering study to determine the possible flood area in Minden village, last Wednesday, the matter was delayed until last night (Tuesday) when a standard resolution could be received from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).

After discussions with representatives from the MNR and Trent Severn Waterways, council was prepared to draft a resolution asking the ministry to confirm the exact details of the study and the availability of funding. However, Huntsville regional planner, Brian O'Donoghue suggested council might like to consider the ministry's standard resolution for implementing engineering studies.

Council agreed with O'Donoghue and re-scheduled the discussion for Tuesday evening.

During the discussion O'Donoghue told council it might be possible to conduct the aerial photograph aspect of the study before snow covers the ground, if bureaucracy did not slow the process. Warren Evershad, another planner from the regional office said it would be difficult to tender the contract and get the study underway in time. Because the leaves must be off the trees when the photographs are taken, Evershad said it might be more realistic

to commence the study in the spring.

The issue of land subject to flooding in the village area first came before council six weeks ago when the initial draft of its new comprehensive zoning by-law was presented by Tony Holmes of the consulting firm of Proctor and Redfern. At that meeting, Evershad told council the ministry would be bound to object to the new by-law if an engineering study was not carried out to determine the extent of hazardous land along the banks of the Gull River. In the draft by-law the hazard land extended only to the top of the river bank.

The designation 'hazard land', which became provincial policy in October 1979, halts all development unless

the government eases its restrictions by giving the area a special status.

O'Donoghue told council it was not the cabinet's intention to close down the communities built on flood plains but rather to acknowledge a dangerous situation might exist.

"The government is not going to say: Minden you're going to die over a certain period of time...that's inconceivable to me," O'Donoghue reassured council.

"We will fight tooth and nail to prevent anything like that," councillor Ed Pergolas told the MNR representatives.

Evershad and O'Donoghue told council the extent of the flooding must be determined before any further moves

with the by-law should be made. In determining the extent of flooding, consultants estimate the effect the Timmins storm of 1961, which dumped 7.6 inches of rain in 12 hours, would have on the Gull River.

Although Minden experienced flood conditions in the 1940's and 1950's, the actual extent of flooding is unknown, the MNR officials told council. "All we know is that there was water here," Evershad said.

Council was hopeful that Trent-Severn officials might confirm the idea that better management of the reservoir system in Haliburton County would limit the chances of a flood in the village area but Bruce Kitchen, Trent-Severn

representative, dashed their hopes.

If a flood condition similar to the Timmins storm hit Minden, it could be done to control the water, Kitchen explained. He told council Gull Lake itself restricts the amount of water which can flow from the river.

"By the time the river reaches its peak we're beyond the point when we can do anything," Kitchen said.

Evershad told council the engineering study would probably include an investigation of the 17 control dams above Minden village and would also determine if they are built to withstand flooding conditions.

Although the engineering study will cover the expected

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## Students ponder future in Career Week

### Local groups, individuals participate in planning, workshops, panel discussions

Senior students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School are getting a little help in pondering their future this week through a four day career week program.

Theme of the second annual event is "a step toward tomorrow."

Under the chairmanship of Haliburton businessman Don Poppo, the program will tap the knowledge and experience of local service clubs, organizations and individuals

to inform students about some of the more than 7000 career choices available in Ontario.

Activities got underway Monday with an assembly for all senior students. Keynote speaker Bob Poppo, assistant to the director of nuclear energy for Ontario Hydro, gave the students a brief insight into job opportunities in the field of electrical energy production. Following

his talk, students in the school's drama program staged a number of humorous skits based on the perils and pitfalls of landing a job and keeping it.

Tuesday afternoon students had an opportunity to hear three speakers from among 38 individuals with knowledge of specific career areas. Included were tourism, physician, agriculture, nursing, craftsman - busi-

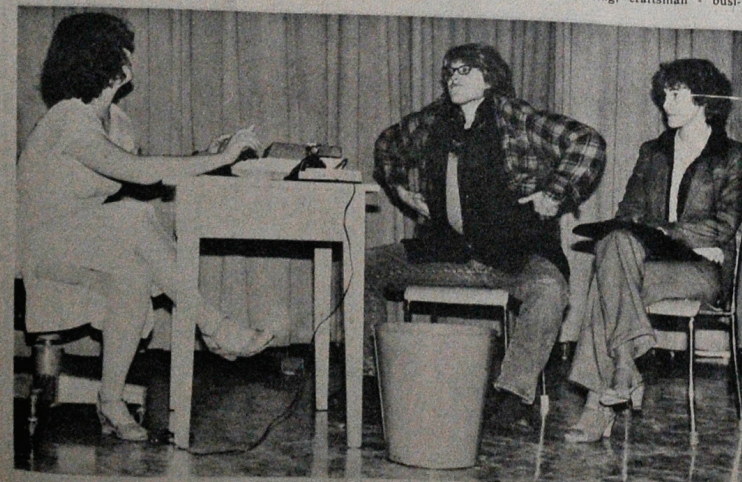
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On Wednesday the students will travel to an area community college for an inside look at what is involved in that post secondary education option.

On Thursday, four panel discussions have been scheduled, covering colleges and universities, job market projections, apprenticeship, employment and job training, and hiring procedures of large firms.

The week will conclude with a banquet Thursday evening at the Legion. Guest speaker will be former Toronto Argonaut Nobby Wirochowski.

The local career week program is sponsored by the Haliburton and Minden Rotary Clubs, the Haliburton Industrial Training Committee, the Minden Kinsmen, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, the Canadian Employment Centre, the Royal Canadian Legion, and Sir Sandford Fleming College.



Members of the drama class at HHSS got Career Week off to an amusing start with a series of skits Monday afternoon. The four day event concludes Thursday evening with a banquet at the Haliburton Legion Hall.



A tree planting ceremony was held at HHSS last Wednesday in memory of the four students who died last November in a traffic accident in Stanhope township. Parents of the students, including Hans and Eileen Pripp of Haliburton, turned the soil for the red maples.

## Fireplace inserts a hazard: fire official

### Higher heat can cause fires if chimneys are old, improperly constructed

by SUE COOPER  
Staff Reporter

Wood burning fireplace inserts are a major fire hazard according to Kingston Township fire department.

Speaking at the Stanhope Community Hall last Thursday evening, Sutherland said problems are arising now as homeowners change their fireplace into a heating appliance.

Fireplaces "were not designed to heat the house. They only ran four or five hours, two or three times a week," he said. Now that oil is increasing in price steadily, many homeowners are installing inserts to increase the heating capacity of the fireplace.

But an insert completely changes the operation of the fireplace, Sutherland said. In the 1940's or 1950's when fireplaces were popular more for beauty than heating, they were designed to burn with a large intake of cool air entering through the hearth

opening. With an insert installed, all air into the fireplace opening is cut off, increasing the operating heat to more than three times the temperature it was designed to handle, Sutherland said.

Even though an insert may be installed properly, Sutherland said problems may still arise because of the design and construction of the fireplace. If a fireplace was built to today's Ontario Building Code regulations, fire could still be caused because only seven inches of solid masonry is required between the flue tile and any wooden material.

The regulations were sufficient for traditional fireplace heating requirements but because cooling air is cut off the insert operates at higher temperatures so wood in close proximity will dry, begin to decompose and eventually turn to charcoal, Sutherland explained.

"The insert doesn't burn, the fireplace does," he said. With the assistance of a slide presentation, Sutherland showed the audience the

destruction caused when an insert was installed in an improperly built fireplace. One slide showed an installation which had been approved by the fire department but managed to burn an upstairs bedroom. Building code regulations could not address the problem, Sutherland said.

As well as inserts, Sutherland said glass fireplace doors can cause problems because they also change the operation of the fireplace.

"In some, (doors and inserts) are compatible; in some they burn out," he said.

Sutherland, who has operated a wood stove in his own home for seven years and "loves it," said the best idea to improve the heating capabilities of a fireplace is to install a stove on the hearth and attach the stove pipe into the fireplace chimney.

To ensure the installation is safe, Sutherland warned new homeowners to check existing fireplaces and wood stoves before lighting a fire.

"You've got to use your head and a little common

sense," he emphasized.

During the evening, Sutherland showed photos of a fire which was caused by an installation that was nine years old. Situations similar to this arise, Sutherland explained, because wood kept at a certain temperature for many years can ignite at a lower temperature than is required for quick combustion.

For instance, he said, wood will usually be burnt in a stove at 400 or 500 degrees Fahrenheit but if it remains at 185 degrees for an extended period of time it can begin to decompose and slowly turn to charcoal.

"You don't need a flame to have a fire," Sutherland said.

Along with the installation of wood burning appliances, Sutherland said how the appliance is operated is equally important. With the new air tight stoves, which Sutherland termed "air starvation" stoves, the creosote problem is more pronounced because

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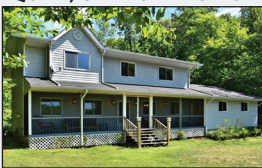
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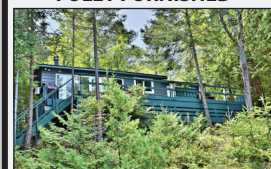
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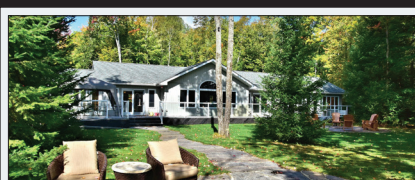
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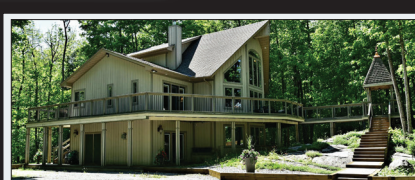
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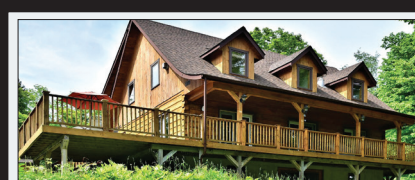
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